

# TOWN MEETING WARRANT FYE 2024

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, Aroostook County, ss.

To: Brian B. Burger, a citizen of Moro Plantation in the County of Aroostook

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Moro Plantation in said County, qualified to vote in Plantation affairs to meet at the Katahdin Lodge, located within the said Plantation at 6:30pm on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2023; there and then to act upon Articles 1 through 18; all of said Articles being set out to wit:

### ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

*Chris Loucka nominated Ed MacArthur as Moderator. Brian Burger seconds, motion carried.*

### ARTICLE 2

*Brian Burger motions to move Article 2 to appear after Article 17. Chuck Loucka seconds, motion carried.*

### ARTICLE 3

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Plantation, to appoint Gail Albert as Tax Collector, Treasurer, and General Assistance Administrator; Billie J. Doody as Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer; and Gail Albert as Interim Town Agent.

*Brian Burger motions to accept Article 3, Joe King seconds. Motion carried.*

### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Plantation will vote to carry all other balances and all other overdrafts to Fund Balance.

*Chris Loucka motions to accept Article 4 as written, Joe King seconds. All in favor.*

**ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**.

| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>  | <b>FYE2023</b> | <b>FYE2024</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Contracted Services        | \$15,000       | \$20,000       |
| Computer Software Hosting  | \$3,250        | \$3,000        |
| Training/ Travel           | \$0            | \$250          |
| Gen. Government            | \$300          | \$100          |
| Dues                       | \$1,300        | \$1,300        |
| Misc. Expenses (ex. Legal) | \$0            | \$4,000        |
| Lien Costs                 | \$0            | \$200          |
| Audit Services             | \$6,000        | \$12,000       |
| Assessing Services         | \$800          | \$1,000        |
| Postage                    | \$192          | \$625          |
| Worker's Compensation      | \$420          | \$500          |
| Salaries                   | \$3,600        | \$3,600        |
| Payroll Expenses           | \$0            | \$2,000        |
| Tax Abatements             | \$400          | \$100          |

*Brian Burger motions to accept Article 5 as written, Chuck Loucka seconds. All in favor.*

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **HEALTH AND SANITATION**.

| <b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b> | <b>FYE2023</b> | <b>FYE2024</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Animal Control               | \$720          | \$1,000        |
| Plumbing Inspector           | \$325          | \$750          |
| Septage Disposal Site        | \$1,800        | \$1,800        |
| NKVVDD                       | \$1,000        | \$1,500        |

*Caralyn Loucka King motions to accept Article 6 as written, Chuck Loucka seconds.  
Motion carried.*

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **PROTECTION**.

| <b>PROTECTION</b> | <b>FYE2023</b> | <b>FYE2024</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Insurance         | \$2,000        | \$3,500        |
| Ambulance Service | \$12,000       | \$11,320       |
| Fire Protection   | \$2,800        | \$6,500        |

*Brian Burger motions to accept Article 7 as written, Joe King seconds. All in favor.*

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **PUBLIC WORKS**.

| <b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>     | <b>FYE2023</b> | <b>FYE2024</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Salt / Sand Shed Rental | \$2,500        | \$2,500        |
| Winter Roads            | \$24,000       | \$21,000       |
| Town Road Construction  | \$42,000       | \$40,000       |

*Joe King motions to accept Article 8 as it's written. Brian Burger seconds, all in favor.*

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for **LUPC ASSESSMENT**.

| <b>LUPC ASSESSMENT</b> | <b>FYE2023</b> | <b>FYE2024</b> |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| LUPC Assessment        | \$2,124        | \$2,200        |

*Chuck Loucka motions to accept Article 9 as written, Brian Burger seconds. Motion carried.*

**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Plantation will vote to take \$100 from Fund Balance to spend for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE.**

| <b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b> | <b>FYE2023</b> | <b>FYE2024</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Assistance        | \$100          | \$100          |

*Chuck Loucka motions to accept Article 10 as written. Brian Burger seconds, all in favor.*

**ARTICLE 11**

To see what sum, if any, the Plantation shall vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Officers to spend for the following **NON-MUNICIPALS ORGANIZATIONS.**

| <b>NON-MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS</b> | <b>FYE2023</b> | <b>FYE2024</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Houlton Cary Library               | \$105          | \$125          |
| Knowles Corner ATV                 | \$100          | \$100          |

*Brian Burger motions to accept Article 11, Joe King seconds. Motion carried.*

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Plantation will vote to appropriate and authorize the Officers to apply the sum of \$29,557 from the combined anticipated Excise Taxes, Tree Growth, Interest Income, and Miscellaneous Income, toward the **ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE.**

*Brian Burger motions to accept Article 12 as written. Chuck Loucka seconds, all in favor.*

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Officers, on behalf of the Plantation, to sell or dispose, via sealed bids, of any real estate acquired by Moro Plantation for non-payment of taxes or liens, and if sold, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds on the conveyance of such property, in alignment with State guidelines.

*Chuck Loucka motions to accept Article 13 as written, Coralyn Loucka King seconds. Motion carried.*

**ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Treasurer to receive incidental fees and receipts and credit such revenues to the correspondent accounts and to spend such incidental fees for the purposes intended.

*Brian Burger motions to accept Article 14 as written. Joe King seconds. All in favor.*

**ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Plantation will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the Year 2024 not yet due or committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, for the purpose of conducting a **TWELVE PAYMENT TAX CLUB**, beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2024 with interest to accrue on any unpaid balance after December 31st; and to accept prepayment of taxes for the Year 2024 from anyone wishing to make any early payment on the 2024 taxes from January 1, 2024 to the date of commitment.

*Brian Burger motioned to accept Article 15 as written. Joe King seconds, all in favor.*

**ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Plantation will vote to charge interest on 2023 taxes unpaid as of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**2023 Recommend: 8.0% beginning 60 days from commitment date.**

*Chuck Loucka motioned to accept Article 16 as written, Caralyn Loucka King seconded.  
All in favor.*

**ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Plantation will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the State of Maine legislature (MRSA Title 30-A § 5682)

**Bureau of Conservation  
Tree Growth Reimbursement  
Homestead Reimbursement  
Land Reserve Trust**

**State Revenue Sharing  
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement  
DOT Local Road Assistance  
DEP Grants/Funds**

*Brian Burger motioned to accept Article 17 as written. Chuck Loucka seconded, all in favor.*

**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Plantation will vote to elect the following Plantation Officers with terms to expire at the next Annual Town Meeting:

Three (3) Board of Selectmen

*Incumbents: Charles Loucka, Christine Loucka, Caralyn Loucka King*

Animal Control Officer

*Incumbent: Jon Harvey*

Solid Waste Director

*Incumbent: Brian Burger*

*Brian Burger nominates himself as Solid Waste Director with all other officers remaining the same.  
Chuck Loucka seconds, motion carried.*

**ARTICLE 18**

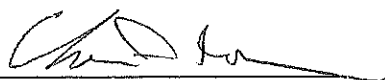
To see if the Plantation will vote to set the date and time of the next TOWN MEETING to be held in 2024.

Selectmen Recommend:

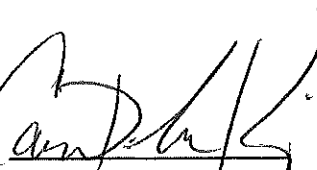
**Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, (third Monday in July) at 5:30pm.**

*Caralyn Loucka King amends to schedule this meeting at 6:30pm on the third Monday next July (July 15<sup>th</sup>). Brian Burger seconded, all in favor.*

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023  
Board of Assessors, Moro Plantation

  
Charles "Chuck" Loucka

  
Christine Loucka

  
Caralyn Loucka King